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Applicant(s): Sergio R. Mohedas et al

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For: PREVENTION OF AND RECOVERING FROM A CATALYST BED  
SLUMPING IN A GAS AGITATED MULTIPHASE REACTOR

**RESPONSE TO OFFICAL ACTION ISSUED AUGUST 10, 2006**

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Docket No. : 1856-40000 (9951.0-02)

Date: December 11, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 14 of this paper.